

Declaration according to Article 19 PCT

In accordance with the search report, the German patent 479 802 has been classed as prejudicial to novelty as regards the original claim 1. This patent specification, however, does not envisage a weighing element according to the present international patent application which can be folded out of a pocket knife, rather a pocket knife is proposed which can be used as letter weighing machine. For this purpose, the knife is arranged on a suspension element which can be folded out in the manner of a knife blade, moves freely about a pivot axis, and has a suspension eye at its long, outer end. Arranged at the other end of this suspension element is a pointer which displays the weight of a letter when it is suspended on it on the basis of the angled position of the pocket knife. The measurement range can be extended by folding out a blade. The letters are held on a fixing device on the pocket knife. However, in no way does the pocket knife according to DE 479 802 have a weighing element which can be folded out for detecting a weight to be weighed. In order to clarify and to be more precise about this difference, a corresponding addition has been made to claim 1 of the present international patent application.

US 5 313 376 describes a tool which is referred to as a pocket knife. In this case, figure 7 shows a hook protruding

from this tool on which a weight can be suspended, it being possible for said weight to be read off from the side in the manner of a spring scale. However, the overall design of this tool has very little to do with a pocket knife and, in addition, the design is in no way comparable to the pocket knife claimed in the present international patent application, let alone a weighing element which can be folded out of the pocket knife.

The other documents cited in the search report do not describe a pocket knife.

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